

—Daniel Koenig

## Smile! You Might Be On Radar

A speed limit of 25 miles per hour has been established for the new campus circulation road. According to Campus Security, drivers can be monitored for speeding by radar, and tickets will be issued for violations of the limit.

## UNO Student Athletes: Do They Graduate?

Part one of a two-part series.

By KEVIN McANDREWS

Between 1973 and 1982, more than 50 percent of UNO's scholarship basketball players graduated from UNO, Bob Hanson said Tuesday.

Hanson, head basketball coach, said 24 of 47 basketball players who have been given full-ride scholarships had graduated from UNO. Almost 85 percent, 29 of 34, of the players who completed a four-year program have graduated.

"We spend a lot of time emphasizing academics," said Hanson. "We stay on top of it, and we try to recruit good people. Also, when we recruit, we point out the success of our academics."

The *Omaha World-Herald* reported July 13 that of 58 basketball players on scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during a 10-year period, 14 graduated from UNL.

Hanson argued that these figures may be misleading because even though a student-athlete does not finish at the college where he played, he may go on to another college to complete his education.

"For instance, I've got one player that didn't graduate from UNO," said Hanson, "but he's got his doctorate in nuclear medicine from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He's one of the 22 that dropped out of our program."

Hanson said he didn't believe there were too many students like this, but there were enough to create some misconception.

Judy Harrington, a learning specialist in the Student Learning Center, said she was impressed with UNO coaches and their concern with their athletes' education.

"Some of the coaches require their athletes to spend three to five hours a week in structured study time at the learning center," said Harrington. "Some make this a requirement for incoming freshmen."

She said she sees many students in the Learning Center, Eppley 117 and many of those are athletes who have discovered the advantage of having someone proofread papers, or help them with subjects in which they may have missed a class. The Learning Center provides a place coaches can require their athletes to be, and know that it will be a quiet, conducive atmosphere to study, in contrast to the Student Center, said Harrington.

"Compared to some of my counterparts who work in similar positions around the country, I would say there is definitely more of an interest in academic achievement of our student athlete," Harrington said. "I've seen some coaches sacrifice super athletes because they know he can't handle both school and athletics."

Hanson said he believes the success of his program exemplifies what college athletics "was meant to be." He said there is no difference in the intensity of National Collegiate Ath-

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## Names to be Read August 16

Names of graduates will be read for the UNO summer commencement at 10 a.m. Aug. 16, said a spokesman for the registrar's office.

Student Government petitioned students in the spring and determined there was enough support for names to be read at graduation. Sen. Greg Sheeley submitted a resolution to the senate in February calling for the petition to determine whether students favored or opposed the reading of names as they crossed the stage during commencement.

Concern about time being extended for the ceremony, which drew 800 graduates during May's commencement, was expressed by some people. Sheeley said students would walk to the stage with a phonetic spelling of their name on a note card. The student would hand the card to the designated reader, and walk across the stage. If it was done correctly, said Sheeley, there could be four or five students crossing the stage at the same time, keeping the additional time to a minimum.

Joe Kerrigan, chief administrative officer, said the summer graduation would be a test to see if name reading is feasible. He said there

had been debate over how long the ceremony will take, and whether people want to spend extra time.

"Everything is full speed as planned," said Kerrigan. "Unless something catastrophic happens, names will be read again at the winter graduation."

Don Skeahan, Student Center director, said graduates would be provided with cards on which they would write their names. He said students with names difficult to pronounce would be asked to spell their names in a way that would be helpful to the reader.

No problems were expected with the summer commencement, said Skeahan. About 400 students are expected to participate. However, Skeahan said, the winter and spring graduations will be larger. Normally at those graduations there are more awards, and graduates are given their diplomas in two lines. Because names will be read, only one line will cross the stage in December, and Skeahan said this may delay the ceremony.

"We'll just have to see what happens in December," said Skeahan.

## Faculty Senate Wants More Input

By CHERY LORRAINE

The Faculty Senate approved a resolution requesting more involvement in administrative decisions resulting from a report by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., an accounting firm.

Resolution 3.1 was passed by the Faculty Senate at its July 9 meeting. Darrell F. Kellams, president of the senate, said the resolution was written by the executive committee in response to action that has been taken because of recommendations in the report. Comments by NU President Ronald Roskens which were included with the report said a new position, Vice President for University Relations, "has been established . . . The position has been advertised and applications are being received."

Kellams said, "There's just so much money available to spend, and when personnel are added at any level, their salaries are drawn from the same source that we are paid from."

"Even though there may be justification for adding administrative positions, I think the faculty would like to be made aware and involved in the decisions resulting from this report before they are finalized," he said.

"Our concern fundamentally was to let the administration know that we are concerned. I don't think we are trying to be adversarial, but

we wanted to let them know that we want more than just information," said Kellams.

Resolution 3.1, as amended and passed by the Faculty Senate, reads:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has accepted the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell report, and

"WHEREAS, the President of the University has taken steps to implement portions of the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell report without consultation or information to the Faculty Senate,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha requests collegial participation in the formulation of decisions resulting from this report."

The resolution was accepted by a verbal vote of the senate, with one member opposed.

In a June 21 memo from Roskens, the administration was directed to "review several administrative areas to determine if operations could be improved and made more efficient, including possible savings or cost avoidance." In November 1985, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. was "engaged to assist in the study."

The report also outlines recommended changes in the management of university personnel, risk management, purchasing procedures and "the development of a university-wide prospective student relations plan."



—Cheryl Potempa

## Learning by Doing

Laura Hron, an intern for MARR (Murder, Assault, Rape and Robbery), a support group, writes letters to victims as part of her 40-hour a week practicum. For more on internships, see pages five and six.



## This week

### 18 FRIDAY

- Ralsron Community Theater Music Man at the Orpheum Theatre, 8 p.m.
- SPO free movie, Airplane, east of the CDA at dusk.
- Grecian Festival, 5 to 12 p.m., Peony Park, through July 20.

### 19 SATURDAY

- The Children's Museum puppet performance The Dragon's Birthday, 1 p.m.
- College of Continuing Studies canoe trip and steak fry, Platte River, 554-2755.



### 20 SUNDAY

- Music in the Park, free concerts in the Central Park Mall, Overland Express and the Marr Wallace Fusion Force, 6:30 p.m.
- Papillon Summer Music Series, free concerts at City Park, 84th and Lincoln, Greenblatt and Seay, folk music, 6:30 p.m.
- Serbian Community Center church festival, 50th and Harrison, noon to 9 p.m., 733-9537.

### 21 MONDAY

- YWCA workshop on how to find and judge the quality of child care, 7 to 9 p.m., 345-6555.
- College of Continuing Studies Spectrum Program for students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades, through July 25, 554-8355.
- Child Saving Institute, "Learning to Step Together" for families that include stepchildren and children, six sessions, 7 p.m., 291-6065.

### 25 WEDNESDAY

- Dale Clark Library "Quick Flick" 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Scottish Symphony, 444-4838.
- Joslyn July guided tour, 1 p.m., 342-3300.
- Joslyn Music in the Court, The Troubadour, noon to 1 p.m.

### 24 THURSDAY

- Joslyn Jazz on the Green, Marr Wallace Fusion Force, free, 7 to 9 p.m., picnicking encouraged.

## Classification Attempt Causes Frustration

A classification for managerial and professional staff positions at the University of Nebraska may be a while in coming.

In a Feb. 26 article, the *Gateway* reported that 200 of UNO's B-line employees would be asked to complete questionnaires designed to develop better understanding of duties.

A June 30 letter from Alan Seagren, Vice President for NU administration, said attempts to develop the classifications were not successful.

"We are aware of the frustration this has caused," said Seagren.

The classifications would be used to determine what changes needed to be made in salaries of individual B-line employees.

The UNO Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women compiled a report earlier this year that indicated male B-line employees at UNO earn \$3,917 a year more than female em-

ployees with the same job titles.

"The establishment of a classification system for managerial/professional staff is still a primary objective of the university," said Seagren. "An effort will be initiated in the near future to update the information currently on file and to obtain additional information regarding job duties and responsibilities, organizational relationships, qualifications and other data related to job classification. Future B-line employees will receive position-description forms which, when completed, will provide the information needed to classify and evaluate positions and form the data base of future use in the development of a classification system."

Seagren added that completion of the project would not mean implementation would occur soon. "A gradual, or phased approach is planned."



### Go! Go! UNO!

The 1986-87 Maverick cheerleaders (from left clockwise): Erik Williams, John Goldsmith, Laura Josoff (on shoulders), Linda Richardson, Ray Mercer, Anne-Marie Evans, Bryan Wheatley, Jim Linkletter, Christine Martinez, Richard Drake III, Merica Whitehall, and Stacy Lehn.



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## Comment

### Sex Sells, But Not in School

The telephone rings. It's answered by a woman with a high, heavily accented voice who identifies herself as "Dr. Ruth." The caller, after some embarrassed stammering, confides in "Dr. Ruth" that she is unable to have a diet soda.

"Dr. Ruth" asks the worried caller how often she and her husband attempt the act of diet soda drinking. "Three or four times a week, doctor," the woman sighs, "but I never seem to be able to do it. We've tried all sorts of things. One night my husband even came home with flowers, put some romantic music on, started a cozy fire. I was almost able to do it, doctor. I almost had it to my lips when . . . when

"When what?" asks the sympathetic doctor.

"Oh, I don't know, the phone rang or something, and when I got back, the moment was gone. I just couldn't do it! Doctor, what's wrong with me?"

A little harmless sexual innuendo and double entendre heard on a local radio station. Nothing to worry about, no harm done. Just a standard marketing gimmick used by carbonated-beverage manufacturers, clothing companies, automakers and a host of other economic concerns to push their wares. Turn on any radio or television set and it won't take long to hear any number of thinly veiled sexual allusions at the service of free enterprise.

Questions of taste and morality aside, there is nothing wrong with this. In fact, the United States Constitution guarantees the right of free speech to U.S. citizens within certain limitations. And rest assured, marketing concerns will push those limitations as far as they can to capture the interest of their prospective customers.

Consider, then, the case of Matthew Frazer, who, in a speech before his classmates at Beth El High School in Spanaway, Wash., used the same sort of strategy in support of a candidate for the school's student-body vice president. Frazer wrote a speech that, while avoiding any outright profanity, did allude to his candidate's prowess for office in sexual terms. One example was Frazer's characterization of his candidate's willingness to "go to the end, the extreme, indeed, the very climax for the student body."

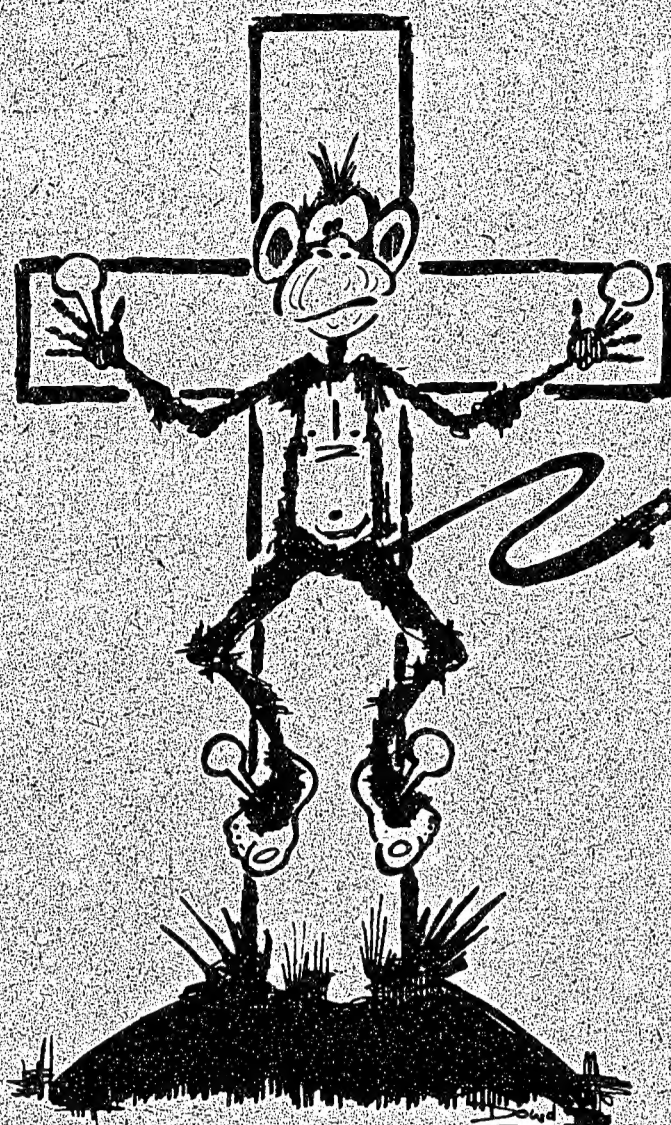
Frazer was suspended by the school administration for his talk, which it found to be crude and unseemly in the public forum of a school assembly. Frazer appealed his suspension, and on Monday, July 7, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld it, saying in effect that Frazer does not have the same right of free speech before an assembly of his peers that businesses have on the forum of the mass media.

Any child in the United States can turn on a radio and hear the same sexually oriented speech that Frazer was denied the right to use in a high school auditorium before a small number of his classmates.

It is obvious that the Supreme Court found in its deliberations that high-school students lack the economic clout of large business concerns, and hence may be denied the right to use the same speech in their academic environments that these businesses use in media forums that reach millions of people.

The lesson is clear: The next time Frazer wants to use language like that, he'd better be selling pop.

DAN PRESCHER



IF DARWIN WAS RIGHT...

## Neurotica by Karen Nelson

"Well, little lady," a deep voice with a Southern accent called out. "Long time no see."

I turned around, and sure enough, the Rev. Billy Bob Cornpone was standing right behind me. "I thought you weren't going to be in town until August," I said. "Weren't you going to be in Connecticut teaching that 'Southern as a Second Language' workshop?"

"The Lord has led me to change my plans," said Cornpone. "The great state of Iowa needs me. I have been called to save the citizens of Avoca from Blue Demons."

Blue Demons? "I didn't know people in small Iowa towns were into designer drugs," I said. "That is what you're talking about, isn't it?"

Cornpone shook his head. "I mean DEMONS, little lady," he said. "I mean DEMONS FROM HELL! There's devil worship

going on in that high school, and I mean to stop it."

"Well, sure, high school kids dress a little funny these days, Rev. Cornpone, but they always have," I said. "They're just teenagers. They'll outgrow it."

He sighed. "You don't understand," said Cornpone. "They worship the Blue Demons in public ceremonies every Friday and Saturday night during the fall and winter. Practically everyone in town goes. It's scandalous, just scandalous. Some of the brothers and sisters sent me a tape of the evil ceremonies. They even recorded some of the prayers and chants. Here, listen for yourself."

Cornpone pulled a cassette recorder from his briefcase, inserted the tape and turned it on. We sat down and listened.

It sounded like there was quite a crowd. Every so often, a bloodcurdling roar came out of the machine. Through the roar, I could make out some words.

"Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar . . . All for Avoca, stand up and holler!" The chant seemed familiar. "Go, Blue Demons, go! Go, Blue Demons, go! Go, Demons, beat Eagles! Go, Demons, beat Eagles!"

Cornpone advanced the tape. "Grabowski is kicking for the Eagles," the voice on the tape said. "Grabowski has the kick Hayes fumbles . . . Taylor of the Blue Demons has the ball he's going to the 30, the 20, the 10 . . . TOUCHDOWN! The Demons won, 24 to 14!"

I turned off the tape recorder. "Wait a minute," I said. "That's a football game you have on tape. I realize that some people who follow sports are obsessed, but devil worship? I don't think you can go that far."

Cornpone wasn't listening. "Every cheer for that high school football team is a prayer to the Devil himself," he said. "It's our duty to save Avoca and all other towns like it from the fires of Hell! I just heard the other day that the town will vote on whether the Blue Demon remains the high school mascot in September. If we win, that's just the beginning."

"Deviled ham, for instance. Thousands of people eat deviled ham every day. Probably with deviled eggs. And don't forget devil's food cake. I tell you, sin is everywhere, and we must stop it."

I asked Cornpone if he had ever successfully changed a high-school mascot.

"We came close in a small town down South," said Cornpone. "The mascot of the local high school was called the Hound of Hell. We preached against the Hound of Hell for 40 days and 40 nights as it is written — well, I'm sure it's written somewhere."

"One night, I was preaching up a storm. 'My friends,' I said, 'my friends, I'm sure as I'm standing here today that if you played the school song backwards, you'll find that messages from Hell, from the Devil himself, are keeping you from seeing the light and removing the influence of the Hound of Hell from your precious high schoolers.'"

"As proof, we played the high school's fight song backwards. Sure enough, there were messages hidden in the song. Played backwards, the high school's fight song turned out to be 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.' As far as I know, the school's mascot is still the Hound of Hell."

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## The World Outside by William Head

The cost of a lost UNO student identification card is a \$5 replacement fee. A black South African without identification is subject to arrest.

Schools are not only segregated but nearly six times as much is spent on the education of whites than blacks.

South Africa is a nation where students can be expelled without reason or appeal, where demonstrators are often met with clubs and bullets, and where anyone can be detained indefinitely without trial.

In a nation that is 70 percent black, South Africa is ruled by a white minority whose racial separation policies have resulted in the death of at least 2,000 people in the last two years.

The June 12 state of emergency declaration is just the latest act of a nation at war with itself. In addition to the severe media censorship imposed, government forces now have ever-broadening powers. A black raising a clenched fist, for instance, faces criminal prosecution as an act against the state.

Despite the government crackdown, union walkouts and civil

unrest persist.

"South African blacks have been oppressed and tortured for years and years," said Servalia Levels-Johnson, spokesperson for the Omaha Coalition Against Apartheid (OCAA) and a former UNO professor.

Johnson describes the OCAA as: "A bunch of dedicated volunteers in need of more help."

Established in early 1985, the OCAA is calling for the total divestment of U.S. firms doing business in South Africa, said Johnson. The United States currently has nearly \$1.3 billion invested in South Africa and another \$3.2 billion in two-way trade.

"The same businesses that support an arms build-up, support the South African government. They are profiting at the expense of human life," said Johnson.

Earlier this month, the House of Representatives approved a

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# Summer Interns Pointed Toward New

Story and Photos By  
**CHERYL POTEMPA**

Do you ever sit in class listening to your professor and wonder what it's like in the "real world"?

Ever heard "There's no substitute for experience"?

Is the previous experience listing on your job applications bleaker than the paper it's printed on?

Don't despair. There's help.

Internship programs are the single most important link between the classroom and the career," said journalism professor Warren Francke, who is in charge of the journalism and broadcasting internships at UNO.

"It's a necessity for students who want to be successful with job opportunities," said Francke.

Internships go by many names, such as practicums or externships. But whatever they are called, internships consist of

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—Otto Bauer



Senior Jackie Scholten gets hands-on experience working with equipment at KETV

junior, senior or graduate students working in a setting similar to the position they would like to have when they graduate.

But that's where the similarities stop.

Internships can be taken for credit, or not.

They can be paid, or not paid.

They can be 10 hours a week, or 40 hours.

They can include interviewing gubernatorial hopefuls, or helping a rape victim cope.

Although there is no official university policy as to whether a student should fulfill an internship or not, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Otto Bauer said he likes to see students out in the Omaha community if their particular program "deems it to be an appropriate opportunity."

"There are very extensive training programs in teacher education and social work, but it would be very hard to set up a philosophy internship, for example," said Bauer. "UNO's programs for interns is on the whole a very active one."

Some departments at UNO have very organized programs, such as broadcasting, where students are constantly reminded of the competitively sought television internships. But in some departments students "have no idea they existed," like Tom Lynch, a history graduate student.

This summer hundreds of students are working all over the city at various jobs through the university, jobs they may never have otherwise had the experience to get.

Now, they are getting experience.

Here are five students who are getting a chance to test out some of their academia-acquired knowledge in the "real world."

Answering police scanners, confirming accident reports, writing copy to go with video and running to the police station for reports are only a few of the responsibilities senior Jackie Scholten has working as a paid intern for KETV Channel 7 news.

"This is the best situation. I'm not the 'lowly little intern,' they really give me a lot of responsibility here," said Scholten, who runs the assignment desk on Sunday afternoons.

Scholten said she has a friend who works as an intern at a Kansas City television station. "They won't let her do anything, but here they're really willing to help."

Scholten, who has been the starting center on the Lady Mavs basketball team for the past three years, said when she applied for the job this spring, she knew this summer was her only shot.

"I just wouldn't have time to work here 25 hours a week with basketball, so I was really hoping to get the job this summer," said Scholten, who will graduate in May.

"Here I've really learned that in school they teach us to write too much for a real newscast. Information needs to be more easily understood," said Scholten.

Scholten said she's also getting to do "people work." "I talk to a lot of people who call up on the phone wanting to know why isn't my electricity on or why isn't my favorite show on. They don't understand this is the news desk," said Scholten.

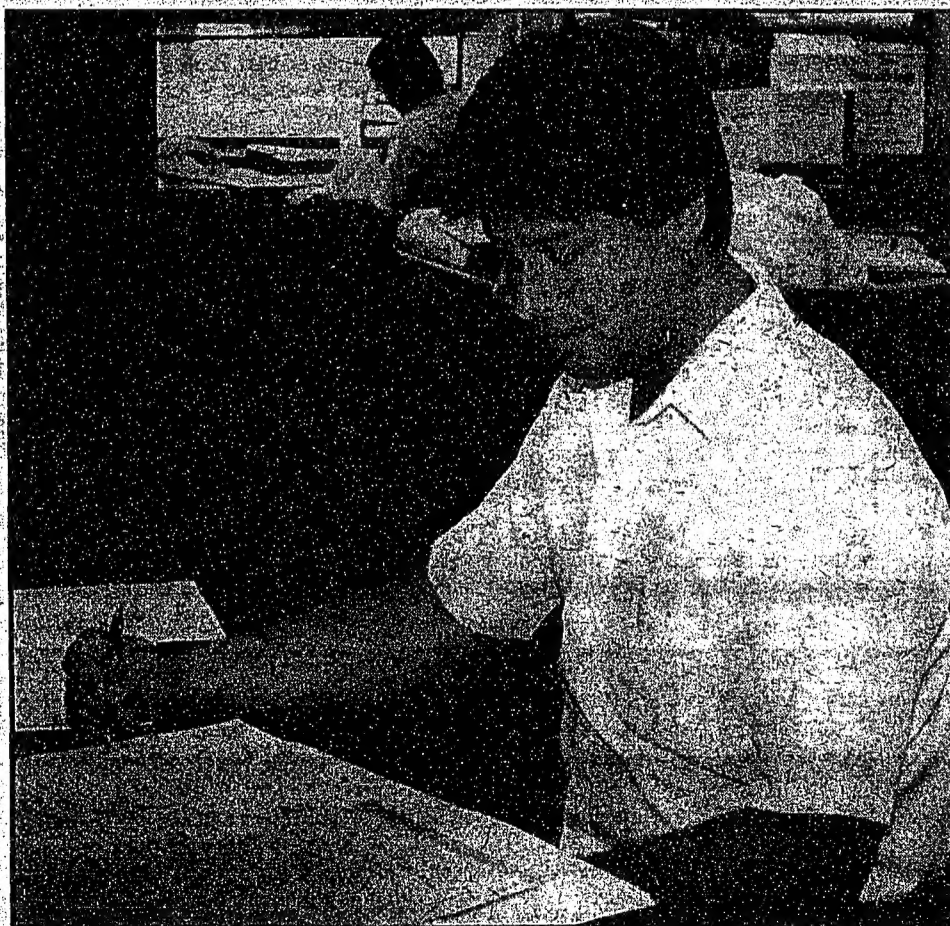
Scholten doesn't think she'll be working for Channel 7 permanently. "They usually want you to work at a smaller station first. Omaha is a pretty big market to start in," said Scholten. "But the experience is very valuable."

Senior Dennis Leonovicz, 25, said he doesn't think his internship as an industrial engineer with the city of Omaha is really that different from what he's done in school.

"I've learned about committees, you don't just go and do something here," said Leonovicz, who works 40 hours a week for the Omaha Safety Division.

Increasing quality and production is the main thrust behind industrial engineering, Leonovicz said. He has been given the responsibility for developing civilian employee incentive programs, writing employee safety manuals and working with the hazards committee on chemicals used around civilian employees.

The August graduate hopes to find a job with a manufacturing base, but said "I've met some people through the internship who may be able to help me find a job."



Lots of paper work for intern Dennis Leonovicz, an industrial engineering senior working with the Omaha Safety Division.



# Career Directions

"Practicums are the safest place to use theory without screwing up someone's life," according to Laura Hron, a social work graduate student.

"You have a liaison at school, as well as people here on the job to help you apply the stuff you have learned," said Hron.

Hron's experience at internships speaks for itself.

She's worked for Planned Parenthood, traveled to England and practiced social work in London, worked at Creighton Family Practice in the emergency rooms and worked at a residential treatment center for juvenile delinquents.

This summer, Hron works for MARR (Murder, Assault, Rape and Robbery), a support group, 40 hours a week, unpaid. In December, Hron will complete her masters degree in social work and plans to apply for a grant to continue working at MARR.

The Wisconsin native came to UNO from Carrol College in Waukesha, Wis. to study social work with a medical specialization.

"I'd like to work with victims in the emergency room, right after incidents occur. Research has shown that's the most critical time in determining their recovery," said Hron.

Hron said victimology is a relatively new area of social work, and MARR is giving her a chance to get in "on the ground level" of the area.

Her responsibilities are varied. "Everyone pretty much does everything," said Hron.

MARR is a non-profit support group with only two paid staff members, one being founder and former victim Eric Sheers, and 10 volunteers.

The group offers public education, support groups, a crisis hotline, information and referral and assistance in filing for compensation to victims.

"The need is here," said Hron of the Omaha community. "A lot of people don't know what to do after they've become a victim."

Hron handles about 20 to 30 cases a week from the basement of the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church at 40th and Nicholas Streets. She'll go to court with them, spend time at the police station going through reports to find victims who may need help, send letters to victims and deal with creditors of robbery victims.

"I still have so much to learn, but sometimes you get saturated with book knowledge. Now I have a feel for how it is working with these people. The eye contact and the body language is so important," said Hron.

"This is great background for what I'd eventually like to do in social work," said Hron.

"When you tell people you're a history major, everyone thinks you're going to be a teacher," said graduate student Tom Lynch, 26.

But when history professor Jo Ann Carrigan approached Lynch about doing an internship, it was the key to a "whole new field" for Lynch's career.

Lynch works 40 hours a week at the Boys Town Hall of History, which opened this spring.

"I knew nothing about museums before I started working here and at the Western Heritage Museum last semester," said Lynch, who specializes in 19th century American history.

Lynch wrote the tour for the Hall of History, and helps conduct the tours one hour every day.

"I had the research and analytical skills, but now I have the knowledge of cataloging and preserving artifacts," said Lynch.

"I wish the university would make more internships available, because you never really know about something until you do it," said Lynch.

Graduate student Linda Waite "couldn't imagine how it could help" her when Public Affairs and Community Service Dean David Hinton suggested she apply for the Enron (Internorth) internship.

"I'd always thought of working in government affairs and helping people. It never occurred to me that private enterprise had more similarities to public administration than differences," said Waite.

Although working for Enron "didn't sound like something I wanted to do," Waite applied for and got the position. "I was afraid I'd end up getting coffee for people and I wouldn't learn anything," said Waite.

But the 35-year-old mother of five has many responsibilities. She produces the Enron Political Action Committee (PAC) newsletter every other month, she makes organizational charts for Enron and its many subsidiaries, surveys PAC members, does disclosure filings for government reports and helps with the solicitation campaign for the PAC.

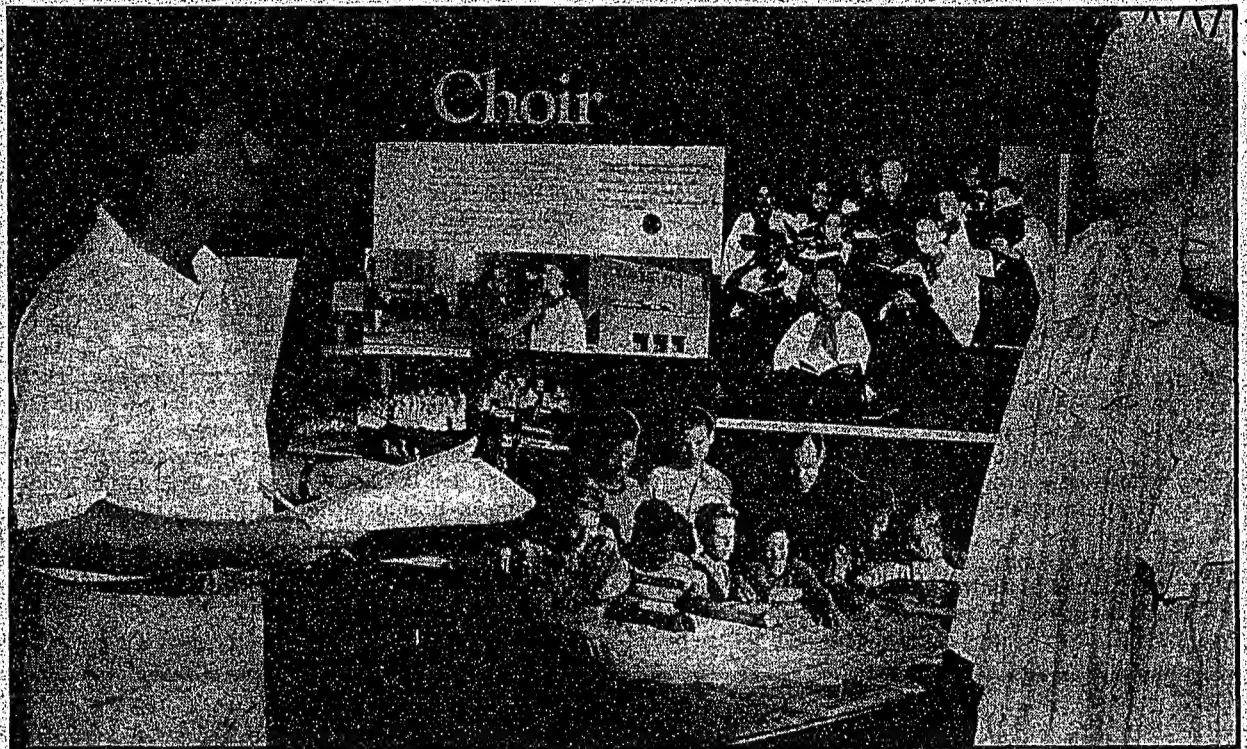
"They give me instructions and let me take care of the written communication. It's frustrating and exhilarating but there's no substitute for doing it," said Waite of the internship.

The Wayne State College graduate and her husband moved their family to Omaha so Waite could complete her masters degree in Public Administration, which she will receive in May.

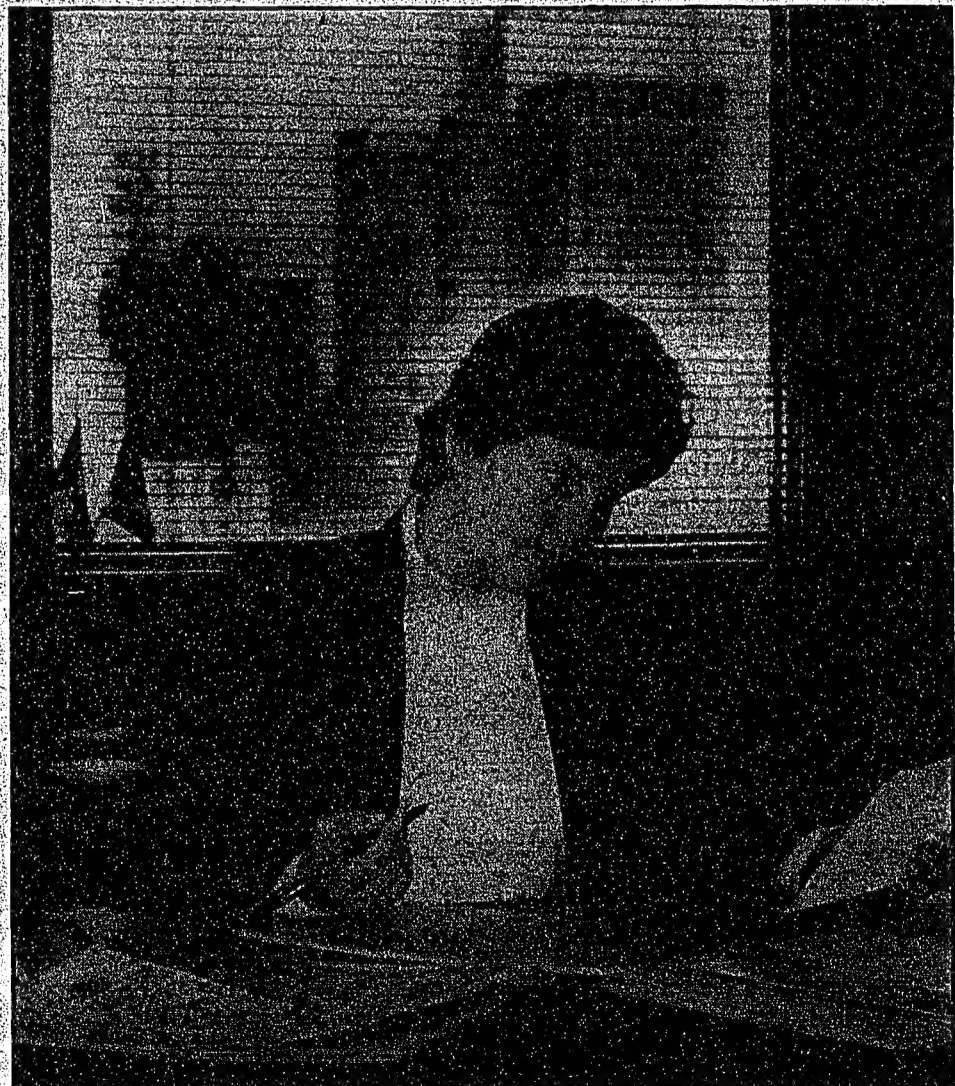
"A year ago I never would have thought of private enterprise as an area to step into; this experience has opened up a lot of options," said Waite.

Since Enron is relocating its headquarters to Houston, Texas, Waite doesn't see this position as a permanent one. She said the outside contacts she's made through the job will be very helpful.

"People who think they know exactly what they want to do should go through an internship," said Waite. "It gives you exposure to so many things, and this way you'll still have time left in school to switch focus."



History graduate student Tom Lynch conducts tours at Boys Town's Hall of History.



Linda Waite, a public administration graduate student, works on the fifth floor of the new Enron building with the Omaha skyline behind her back.



## Op Ed

## Are Bulletproof Undies Just Another Status Symbol?

Frank Johns is getting tired of being asked about bulletproof underwear.

"Damn it, it's not bulletproof underwear," he said. "It's bullet-resistant undergarments."

Johns is vice president of Progressive Apparel Inc., a Fairfax, Va.-based firm that sells something it refers to as "soft body armor." What that means is garments that you wear under your clothing with the hopes that the garments will prevent a bullet from killing you.

"We are serving a need," he said. "Our bullet-resistant undergarments are made of Kevlar. Kevlar was originally developed for automobile tires, to prevent blowouts. We now use it for our products. We have made bullet-resistant undergarments for heads of state, for federal officials, and for many municipal police departments."

"Now, armor can be made out of anything. Armor can be made out of steel — you've seen pictures of SWAT teams wearing steel plates when they're knocking down a door or going into a sniper situation. Armor can be made out of ceramic, which is lighter but which shatters when the first bullet hits."

"Every time you go down in terms of the weight of the armor, you go down in terms of the bullet resistance. Your goal is to try to stop the highest velocity bullet at the lowest possible armor weight."

"Having said that, I must tell you that a lot of people, when they buy these things, think they're becoming tanks in pointed shoes. That's not quite the case. The bullets don't just bounce off your body if you're wearing soft body armor. What the body



Bob  
Greene

armor does is take the energy of the bullet and dissipate it over a wider area of the body.

"So if you're wearing those 23 layers of Kevlar and you do take a shot from an Uzi, you are going to get a very, very bad bruising. I mean severe. Even if you take a shot from a .22, you are going to be very, very unhappy. But at least you will live."

Johns said that bullet-resistant undergarments have become something of a status symbol among certain people. "We have walk-in clients who feel that they are well-known enough to be shot at," he said. "But who defines famous?"

"My measure for fame is whether a person can stand on the steps of City Hall in Hershey, Pa., and have anyone come up and ask him for an autograph. If no one does, then I doubt that the person needs body armor."

But what about world terrorism? Certainly all of the stories about that subject have made people feel that they need something to protect them.

Johns sighed. "Heads of state, yes," he said. "Federal officials,

yes. But think about the people who have died in acts of terrorism, and then tell me how bullet-resistant undergarments would have helped them. Would bullet-resistant undergarments have helped Leon Klinghoffer?"

"But people are afraid because the world is changing. You guys in the news media have a lot to do with that. When Abraham Lincoln was shot, it took three days for the news to reach some parts of the country. Now, if a plane is hijacked, it bounces twice on the runway and two seconds later it's on live national TV."

Johns said that police officers, U.S. business officials with assignments in dangerous areas of the world, and true celebrities are good candidates for soft body armor. But he does not give a hard-sell to others.

"A guy comes to me and he's taking a trip to Paris," Johns said. "He's a wine distributor, and because he's won an award as top distributor in his area, the French wine industry invites him to come over. So he tells me that he's so afraid of the international situation that he needs a bullet-resistant garment."

"I explain to him — he doesn't need it. I tell him to spend the money on French perfume for his wife instead."

"But if you can show me where it will help you, I will sell you the undergarments. Take a guy like John Lennon — he may have had a need for something like this. You know who else? That guy who plays Rambo — Stallone. It would not do him any harm at all to wear bullet-resistant undergarments during his public appearances."

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## The World Outside by William Head

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bill calling for sweeping economic and diplomatic sanctions against the South African government.

OCAA members recently met with Nebraska Sen. J. James Exon to ask his support for the Senate version of the House bill. "Sen. Exon said he would consider co-sponsoring the bill if he gets support from Nebraskans," said Johnson.

The bill, currently co-sponsored by Sens. Kennedy (D-Mass), Cranston (D-Calif.) and Weicker (R-Conn.), isn't expected to be decided on until after the November elections, said Johnson.

"We need people to write to Washington to help get backing for the bill," said Johnson, adding that the final Senate version

will undoubtedly be less comprehensive than the House bill.

The OCAA is also sponsoring an Omaha visit by Victor Mashabele, an African National Congress (ANC) representative to the United Nations, later this month.

Criticism that the ANC is a terrorist organization is untrue and unfounded, said Johnson. "The ANC is viewed as extremist because they're trying to bring about a change to South Africa. No one seems to take notice of the violence of the oppressors."

"For years, blacks have tried all kinds of methods for a peaceful solution but the government answers back with tanks," said Johnson. "The government continues the violent oppression of its people, so, of course, people are going to fight back."

Johnson points out that while the ANC has been outlawed, the right-wing Afrikaan Resistance Movement has been allowed

to maintain its violent racial position. Comparing this reactionary movement to Nazi Germany, Johnson said: "That particular ideology (fascism) never died out at the end of the World War II. It survives today in South Africa."

The government of South Africa is fascistic, said Alonso Smith, a UNO professor of Black Studies and OCAA member. "There are a lot of human-rights violations by the South African government. The fighting in the streets is just the tip of the iceberg."

While expecting the violence to continue, Johnson said that the elimination of apartheid is a necessary prerequisite to the solution. "Enough is enough," said Johnson. "The South African government must realize that what's good for blacks is bound to be good for the whole nation, blacks and whites."



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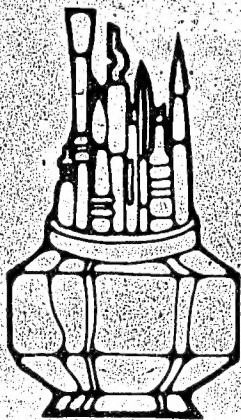
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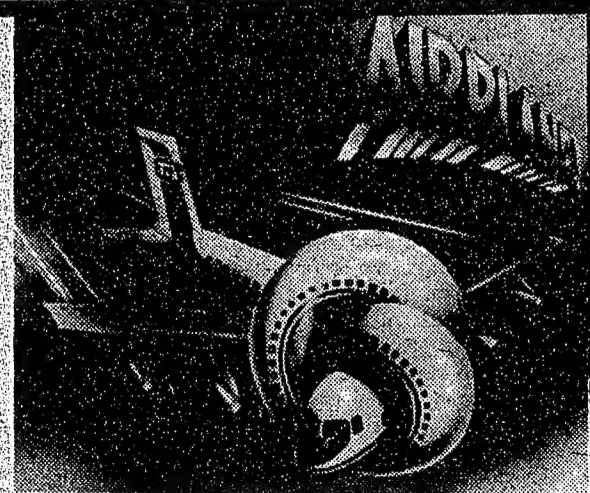
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## 'Graduation Rates Reflect Pressure to Win'

### Rates

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letic Association Divisions I and II, and said he did not believe Division I universities work athletes harder.

"Our players work as hard as their players," said Hanson. "I think it is just where the emphasis is put, and the type of people you recruit."

Bobby Thompson, UNO athletic director, said he thought Division I schools demand more from athletes than Division II.

"It's not win at all cost in Division II," said Thompson. "There is a lot of pressure to win in Division I. I think it reflects in the graduation rates."

Thompson said there are some exceptions to this in Division I schools, where academic standards are high for athletes, and so is the graduation rate. But he said most Division II schools probably have rates that compare to UNO's.

"We give our athletes time to study," said Thompson. "They're not spending 40 to 50 hours a week on athletics. Division I competition is very demanding and time consuming. It's like holding down two jobs, school and athletics."

Thompson said there is a large priority on winning in Division I, and this becomes a problem for coaches who know their athletes should be getting an education.

"Empty seats are the most expensive thing in college athletics today," said Thompson. "People aren't going to support losers. They pay to see winners. Coaches are paid to win, and this creates a paradox."

Athletes attend college to receive an education for their futures, said Thompson. If they attend for any other reason they are "kidding themselves" because very few make it to professional competition.

In Hanson's academic report, he lists 28 of his former players who completed their four years of eligibility, and where their education has taken them. Two, Jim Gregory and Todd Freeman, who played at UNO from 1977-81, have become medical doctors. Of the 28, nineteen graduated with degrees from UNO, six were completing their degrees, and three left with little indication they would obtain degrees.

Hanson said none have been failures, although they did not complete degrees. One, Rick Wilke, 1976-80, works for the Illinois Boys Home as a supervisor.

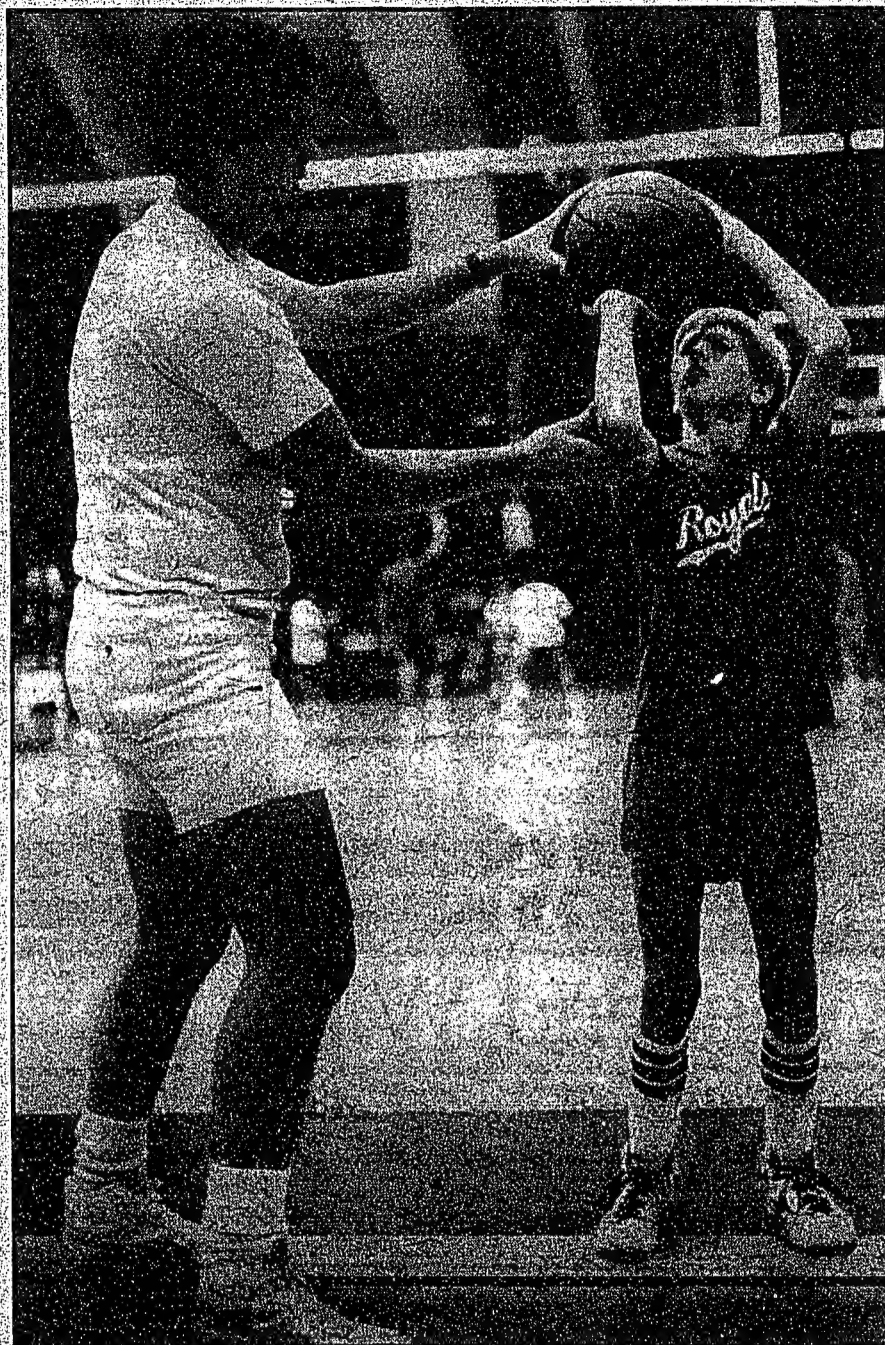
Sandy Buda, head UNO football coach, said in the eight years he has been at the university, 60 percent of his players that finished their four-year eligibility have graduated from UNO. Another 23 percent are completing degrees.

In a March *Gateway* article, Buda said academics have always been a priority in his program.

"We're not a pro-football factory," said Buda. "Most athletes come to UNO for an education. We are different as far as sports are concerned."

Buda said he couldn't determine how many athletes who had been on scholarship had completed degrees because he does not give full-rides. He said every athlete who plays football receives aid.

Mike Denney, head coach of wrestling at UNO for seven years, said in the time he has been at UNO, 24 of 25 athletes have earned degrees. He agreed that Division II and III schools place less emphasis on winning, creating a more healthy environment for academics. He said two of his former players had received post-graduate scholarships from the NCAA, and that UNO was rated one of the top schools in the country for athletes receiving this award.



—Daniel Koenig

## A Future UNO Basketball Star?

Tim Cannon, Bryan High School varsity basketball coach, gives some instructions to 12-year-old Mike Swank from Council Bluffs, Iowa, during a basketball camp session. Two one-week basketball camps, held at the UNO Fieldhouse, attracted approximately 117 elementary and high-school students. "The purpose of these camps is to help improve the kid's fundamental basketball skills and give them the competition that they need," Cannon said.

## News Briefs

### Dependent 'Kids' Now Welcome

Spouse privileges for use of the HPER Building have been extended to include dependent children, between the ages of 18-22, of faculty, staff and students. Effective immediately, a card giving the children the same rights and privileges as a spouse may be purchased. Questions concerning the policy should be directed to Ron Clark, 554-3222.

### Visitors to Arrive Aug. 3

Host families are needed for 25 students from UNO's sister campus, Shizouka University. The students will arrive Aug. 3 for the Seventh Annual Shizouka Summer Tour. The month-long visit will include a 10-day stay with

### Omaha families.

Contact Merry Ellen Turner, assistant director of International Studies and Programs, at 554-2293 for more information.

### 'Stuff' Needed for Lady Mav Sale

The first UNO Lady Maverick Softball Garage Sale will be held in August. Time and place will be announced later.

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